For: Microfluidics Devices and Methods)
For High Throughput Screening)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants request a Two-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed July 13, 2004. Their Response will therefore be due on January 13, 2005.

By the signature of the undersigned the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of the required fee.

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